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First mortgage loans bearing 8 per cent interest on Bennington real estate—Exempt from all taxation.

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Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Glasses Properly Fitted
Eye and Ear Surgeon to the City Hospital, formerly chief assistant in the Central London Eye Hospital, also assistant surgeon at the New York Nose and Throat Hospital.

DOWLIN BLOCK NORTH ADAMS

Houses and Lots for Sale

House of ten rooms with modern improvements, located 318 Pleasant St., on good sized lot. Price \$3,000.
Large house, 201 Scott St., occupied by two families. Price \$2,500.
Building lots on Scott St., \$500 each. Others at \$10 per foot frontage. Building lot corner Scott and Safford Sts. Also building lots on Safford St., facing Morgan Park.

Estate of Olin Scott

Henry D. Fillmore,
Homer H. Webster,
Executors.

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J. E. Mattison
603 Main St., next to Baptist Church

TAXICAB AND TOURING CAR FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

Leave calls at La Fortune's Restaurant. Anyone wishing to have cars delivered leave same at

LA FORTUNE

Tel. 98-J.

NOTICE!

Burt the Florist has closed his florist store for the summer months. People owing bills can pay same to Miss Laura Gavin or direct to Burt the Florist, Greenfield, Mass. Orders for cut flowers and plants will be received by Miss Laura Gavin, Pleasant Street, Telephone Conn.

BURT, the Florist

HORSES READY FOR WAR

500 Mounts Reaching Galveston Port of 10,000 Contract.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 4.—Five hundred horses to be shipped from this port to France arrived here today from Bennington, Vt., having been sent by a firm of that city which has a contract to furnish 10,000 horses and 50,000 tons of hay for the allied armies in France. The firm already has shipped 25,000 tons of hay to Europe.

Contracts for the shipment of 20,000 beef cattle through Texas City to European ports were closed today.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

Miss Hilda Lambert is passing two weeks in Danby.

See the new Walk-over shoes, just in at Hart's. Adv.

Miss Anna Dakin and Miss Jessie Loomis are at Hedges Lake.

State's Attorney F. C. Archibald of Manchester is in town today.

Prof. L. P. Puffer of Troy is visiting his mother, Mrs. N. M. Puffer.

Miss Sophia Bebee of Manchester is spending the week in the village.

John P. Daley is confined to his home in the Guideboard district by illness.

An important meeting of the F. M. T. A. B. society will be held this evening at 7 o'clock.

The new Walk-Over's are in at Hart's. You should see them if in need of shoes. Adv.

Ladies' 50c and 75c waists, white and black petticoats, special 35c at the New York store. Adv.

Dancing Saturday night at Foresters hall. Special music and special price of 25 cents admission. Adv.

A son was born this week to Mr. and Mrs. William Van Sleet of North Adams, who are well known in Bennington.

Miss Elsie and Miss Vera Hall of North Adams after a brief visit in Bennington, have gone to Dorset to visit relatives.

Repairs and improvements are being made in the interior of the hall of the Savings bank building under the direction of I. P. Walker.

Miss Pauline Cornell gave a dinner party at the Putnam house last evening in honor of her guest, Miss Isabel Loneragan of North Adams.

Miss Gertrude Norton, daughter of Frank E. Norton, president of the Security Trust company of Troy, is the guest of Miss Juliette and Miss Hart Shields of Old Bennington.

A concrete walk is being laid from the sidewalk to the district school house in Old Bennington and the grounds about the building are being graded and otherwise improved.

Reverend Cyrus Townsend Brady never wrote a more absorbing book than his "Island of Regeneration." And there was never a story written by anyone that offered greater possibilities to film-drama. V. L. S. E. six part feature opera house today. Adv.

"Island of Regeneration" played two weeks in one of the most popular picture houses in Cincinnati and then moved to a theatre one block away and played two weeks more thus breaking all records of that city. Opera house today. Adv.

There will be a special meeting of the Father Mathew T. A. B. society Sunday after late mass in the K. of C. rooms. All members are requested to be present as the 16th of August picnic committee will make their last report. President, J. P. McGurn; secretary, George Hogan.

Today and tomorrow are the last days of the summer clearance sale at the Joe Levin store. Persons who are trying to make a dollar go as far as possible should carefully read the prices quoted in Mr. Levin's advertisement on another page of this paper. Adv.

Imagine how the Vitagraph company would handle the fire at sea, the earthquake, the attempted rescue the charming love scenes on the tropical island, the girl bathing in the sequestered pond, the arrival of the U. S. cruiser, the return to civilization and then see "Island of Regeneration" at the opera house today. Adv.

The assistant judges of county court, Crosby A. Perry of Readsboro and H. M. Shaw of Manchester were in the village Thursday and held a meeting at the court house to consider the plans for the proposed changes in the structure. A recent act of the legislature appropriated \$10,000 for the changes.

NORTH BENNINGTON

There will be a lawn party given by the Sodality of St. John church this evening on the grounds of the rectory. Admission 25 and 15 cents. Music to be furnished by the North Bennington band.

COMMISSIONERS NOTICE

Estate of CHARLES C. ESTEY
THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bennington, COMMISSIONERS, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Charles C. Estey late of Bennington in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the Bennington County Savings Bank in the Village of Bennington in said District, on the 2nd day of February and day of next, from 9 o'clock A. M. until 4 o'clock P. M., on each of said days and that six months from the 2nd day of August A. D. 1915, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Bennington this 5th day of August, A. D. 1915.

Richard F. Rawson,
Fred N. Austin,
Commissioners.

GRADY DEFEATS POWERS

Vermonters Has Better of Bout All the Way.

Young Grady of Pownal defeated Dave Powers of Malden in the main bout of the Western gateway athletic club at North Adams last night. The bout went 10 rounds, but Grady outpointed his rival in every round. In the last session Powers was considerably exhausted but managed to stay the limit.

Hardly less interesting was the semi-final of 10 rounds between Young Joe of North Adams and Jene Lajoie of Northampton. This was a draw and provided the real feature of the evening. Chester John son of Adams and Kid Black of Pownal, furnished a first rate six-round bout. In the preliminary half knock out Young Langford in the third round. A crowd of several fans witnessed the bout and the attractions were the best seen in North Adams this season. John Shanahan refereed.

POWNAI

Mrs. Emma Benjamin's house on Church street occupied by D. A. Thomas, has had its veranda enlarged and is now being painted.

Owing to the unfavorable weather the Baptist S. S. picnic was not held this week. A new date will be decided upon next Sunday.

Arthur G. Parker was the dinner guest at the Geylock in Williamstown last Thursday night of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Cornwall of Patterson, N. Y., who were enroute by motor for Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Chamberlain on Moon Hill are entertaining their son and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Chamberlain. Mr. Chamberlain is pastor of the 1st M. E. church in Rye, N. Y., and will occupy the Methodist pulpit of this village next Sunday morning at the usual hour of service.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League.
New York 3, St. Louis 1 (first game).
New York 2, St. Louis 0 (second game).
Detroit 11, Philadelphia 5 (first game).
Philadelphia 9, Detroit 8 (second game).
Other games, rain.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Boston	59	34	.634
Detroit	60	38	.612
Chicago	58	38	.604
Washington	51	46	.526
New York	47	47	.500
Cleveland	37	57	.397
St. Louis	38	59	.392
Philadelphia	33	64	.340

National League.
Chicago 4, Boston 3.
Pittsburg 1, Philadelphia 0.
St. Louis 3, Brooklyn 2.
New York 5, Cincinnati 2 (first game).
New York 2, Cincinnati 1 (second game).

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Philadelphia	51	42	.549
Chicago	48	45	.516
Boston	50	47	.515
Brooklyn	49	47	.515
New York	48	46	.511
Pittsburg	48	48	.500
St. Louis	47	53	.470
Cincinnati	41	55	.427

Federal League.
Chicago 3, Brooklyn 1.
St. Louis 1, Baltimore 0.
Other game, rain.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Kansas City	57	40	.588
Chicago	56	43	.566
Pittsburg	53	42	.558
Newark	52	44	.542
St. Louis	52	46	.531
Brooklyn	45	57	.441
Buffalo	45	57	.441
Baltimore	34	65	.343

POWNAI CENTER

Mrs. Edgar Holt of Methuen, Mass., was in town recently on business.

Miss C. A. Myers of North Adams was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Myers.

Mrs. Ann Towseley is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary F. Lampman.

Misses Electa and Rena Carner of Herkimer, N. Y., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wilson last week.

Myron Campbell and friends enjoyed an auto trip to Shelburne Falls and Greenfield Sunday going over the Mohawk Trail.

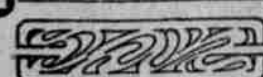
Mrs. John Patterson of North Adams formerly of this town underwent an operation Wednesday at the North Adams hospital and is in a critical condition.

WAR BABIES MOSTLY BOYS

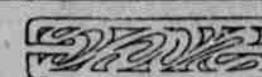
Doctor Says Underfed and Weakened Parents Likely Produce Males.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 4.—Dr. R. Kendrick Smith of Boston, in an address delivered here today, told delegates to the convention of the American Osteopathic Association that the number of boys born following a great war exceeds the number of girls because underfed and weakened parents are likely to produce male offspring.

"It seems," he said, "that great vitality is necessary when female offspring are born."



THE DRYSDALE STORE



Hundreds of Girls' Pretty Dresses

White and colors, at Surprising Prices. Styles that have been admired unlimited. Splendid as ornaments for all ages, 6 to 14 years. Most desirable materials and attractive patterns and colors, at 50c, 65c, 85c, and \$1.39. Were \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.50 and \$2.50.

Wide Choice of Newness

In the Muslin and Knit Underwear

Hosiery, Neckwear, Veils and Motor Hoods—Gloves, Neckwear, Belts and Handkerchiefs.

THE YELLOW PRICE TAGS everywhere in evidence tell the story of size and present price most plainly. A look tells the story.



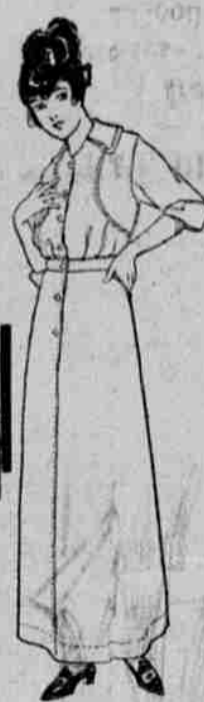
The Saddening Weather Conditions

that prevailed throughout Tuesday and Wednesday, Slowed up the rush of eager buyers here as elsewhere—particularly in the Garment Store. We were glad of the lull, however, as it gave us the desired opportunity to rearrange stocks and again revise prices the final day of this August Sale.

Wash Cotton and Other Just Dresses Half, often at Less than Half

5 piece—Forty-eight pretty Cotton Dresses—voiles, linens, ratines and lawns. —Good variety in sizes 16, 18, 31, 36 few each sizes 38 and 40. —were \$4.00 to \$9.50, mostly \$5 to \$6.

At 95c each—some 30 pretty little lawn and two-piece Sport Dresses. —lawns are white and tan and white and black. Sport Dresses are tan, pink, lavender, all sizes, 15 to 18 yrs, and 34 to 44.



each

Upwards of 400 House Dresses, Porch Dresses and Wrappers. Wide choice in every size, 34 to 50.

Materials are crepes, corded lawns, percales, ginghams, Madras, etc. Light, medium and dark colors. Styles suitable for all ages and conditions. Were splendid values at 98c to \$1.25.

At 50c each a small lot of young ladies' and girls' Percale House Dresses, ages 14 to 18 years.

Forcing out the Dress Skirts

Good White Skirts 95c each

All crisply new, clean and fresh. —Were \$1.25 to \$1.89. Mostly \$1.50 and \$1.69. —Reps, Linens, welts and gabardines. —Fit and hang perfectly. —Waist bands, all sizes, 25 to 34, lengths 38 to 42.

All our Best White Skirts \$1.39

Choice of the season's styles.

—linens, beach cloths, reps, welts, etc. —Waist bands, 23 to 34—lengths 37 to 42. —Were \$1.95 to \$4.50—mostly \$2.69 to \$2.95. There are approximately 100 skirts in these two offerings.

At 79c each, all our remaining White Skirts that were 98c to \$1.25.

At \$2.50 each, few Corduroy Skirts—white, cerise, tan, blue. Were \$4.50 to \$5.00.

At 95c or \$1.69—Pick any Palm Beach Skirt. Were \$2.50 to \$4.50.

A 1.95, were \$5.00. Adjustable Maternity Skirts of fine wool serge, in black or navy. All other wool skirts sacrificed.

Alexander Drysdale & Son

Smash go the Suit Prices

Only a few of the best are left

4 Tan Palm Beach Suits

Sizes 16, 18, 34, 36, 40.

Now \$3.95, were \$8.50 to \$10.89

2 White Norfolk Corduroy Suits

Sizes 16 and 34.

At \$4.95, were \$19.89

4 Spring Wool Suits—Serge and poplin, black and navy.

Sizes 37 to 43.

At \$6.50, were \$15.00 and \$19.50

The New Fall Suits

are arriving—Wooltex, Frim�as and other reliable makes suitable for present or later wear. Wool Poulins, Serges, Cranes and Tweeds, Black, Navy, Hague, Feldmouse, Puss in Green and Cravan. A showing of all sizes, 16 to 45

Prices range \$16.50, \$19.50, \$22.50, \$25.00 and \$29.50

Choice Pickings Among the Coats

Sport Coats of corduroy Velours and Serge—white, colors and stripes.

At \$5.95, were \$12.50 to \$15.00

At \$2.95, were \$7.50

At \$1.89, were \$4.50

Summer and Fall Coats

Serge, Silk and Linen. Black, navy, tan, Serge and Silk Coats, black and navy.

At \$2.95 and \$4.95, were \$7.50 \$15.00. Sizes 16 to 44.

Travel Coats, of linen, beach cloth and Cravenette, all alike sacrificed

Final Lowering of The Waist Prices

At 79c, lot of voile and lingerie Waists —were \$1.00 to \$1.25. All sizes.

At 98c, lot of new Sports Shirts—lingerie and Voile Waists—all sizes. Values \$1.50.

At \$1.69, Handsome new Crepe de Chine Waists—white, maize, pink, yellow and flesh—new long sleeves, sizes 34 to 44.

At Half Price or less—all remaining Summer Waists, Silks, Crepes, Lingerie and Percale.

See the Bargain Offerings.

Party and Evening Dresses

Only One of Each

At 6.89, was \$15.00

White Chiffon over pirated chiffon—wide satin girdle—lace trim—low neck, short sleeves. Size 16.

At \$8.89, was \$19.50

Blue Crepe de Chine with lace and net. Low neck, short sleeves. Size 16

At \$4.95, was \$15.00

White net top lace—long sleeves, all medium neck. Size 36.

At \$6.00, was \$15.

Tan Silk Pongee—long sleeves—medium neck. Size 34.

At \$9.50, was \$19.50

Pearl grey Crepe de Chine—long sleeves—round neck. Size 40.

At \$4.95, was \$9.89

Black Jap Silk Dress—fast color, waterproofed—long sleeves—medium low neck. Size 42.

At \$6.50, was \$12.50

Black Jap Silk Dress, as above. Size 40

At \$7.50, was \$15.00

Leather brown Taffeta Dress—long sleeves, round neck. Size 36.

At \$6.89, was \$15.00

Combination Dress of White Taffeta, Silk, Net and Lace. Low neck, short sleeves. Size 36.

At \$6.89, was \$19.50

Dresden Flowered Taffeta Silk Dress—low neck, short sleeves trimmed with black velvet ribbon. Size 18.

At 6.89, was \$19.50

Shell Pink Taffeta Dress—all over lace—low neck, short sleeves. Size 18.

The Style and material

in each of these Dresses

is as desirable as

you could wish.

They have overstayed

their welcome—that's

the why?—of these

amazing price reductions.

Down Go The Silk

Sweater Prices

Every Sweater carries a

yellow price tag.

—Copenhagen, rose, green,

gold, yellow and combinations.

—with sash—belted back,

or plain.

Now \$2.95 to \$7.95

Were \$4.50 to \$10.89

Every size in some color, 36

to 44.

Half Price

Prevails throughout the Boys' Wash Suits and many lots of Waists.